

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Wilburn House #2, 7400 Central Ave. Survey Number: PG: 72-46

Project: Metrorail Extension: Addison Rd. to Largo Agency: MTA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Wilburn House #2 is located at 7400 Central Avenue, just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Hill Road, outside Seat Pleasant, in Prince George's County, MD. The property encompasses 1.5 acres and consists of a primary residence and three outbuildings. It is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places, nor is it eligible as part of an historic district.

The Wilburn House #2 is a modest, American four-square-type house built in 1936. It is a two-story, two-bay building constructed of oversized bricks, and covered with a hipped roof with a hipped dormer on the front slope of the roof. The house is characterized by its form, and by its craftsman-like detailing, including, most notably, a wide, encompassing roof; decorative brickwork forming a watertable; windows grouped singly and in pairs and featuring multi-paned upper sash over single-pane lower sash; and a front porch with brick piers and a hipped roof.

Outbuildings contemporaneous to the construction of the main house include a small frame barn with a gable roof and vertical board siding; a gable roofed garage of frame construction with novelty board siding and double garage doors. A concrete block garage, built in 1952, is located to the west of the house.

Once part of a larger farm complex, this property was purchased by Howard Wilburn in 1936. Wilburn built the existing house and the two outbuildings and added the garage in 1952. Wilburn's brother built an almost identical house at 6811 Central Avenue. The house is a good example of the dwelling form and features an uncommon use of oversized bricks; however, the American four-square-type house is a common dwelling form from the period and is well-represented in this area of Prince George's County. The dwelling therefore does not qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and does not, therefore, qualify for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Margaret Slater, Historic Preservation Specialist, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 20, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntze 6/21/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

PROPERTY: 7400 Central Avenue, Vicinity Of Seat Pleasant,
Prince Georges County

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Development Periods:	Modern
Historic Period Themes:	Architecture/Agriculture
Resource Type:	
Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Transitional Rural/Urban
Historic Functions/Uses:	Residence Barns
Design Source:	unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 72-46

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilburn House

and/or common 7400 Central Avenue

2. Location

street & number 7400 Central Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Landover ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational ___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mt Sinai Holy Church of America

street & number 1469 N. Broad Street telephone no.:

city, town Philadelphia state and zip code PA 19122

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6930

street & number Main Street folio 639

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wilburn House at 7400 Central Avenue is an American Foursquare built in 1936. It stands just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Hill Road. Located on the north side of Central Avenue, the property encompasses 1.5 acres (.6 ha). The yard contains the house and three outbuildings and has ornamental landscaping. To the west is commercial development (daycare, office building, church), to the north is farmland, to the east are mature trees between the house and Hill Road and across central Avenue to the south is modern residential and commercial development.

The house is an American Foursquare. It is built on a raised foundation and rises two stories to an asphalt shingled hipped roof that has wide overhangs and a central hipped roof dormer with asphalt shingle siding and a six-pane window. The frame house is sided with oversized bricks and both the decorative water table and window sills are standard sized bricks. The front (south) elevation has an entrance with its original wood door and modern aluminum storm door and a bank of three six over one windows. A one-story porch spans the full facade. It has a raised foundation, concrete steps with a brick parapet rail, wood porch rail and balusters, and square brick piers on brick bases supporting a plain frieze and the overhanging hipped roof. On the second floor are two paired six over one windows.

The west elevation has a basement window, two six over one windows, and a door with a hipped roofed portico that has brick pier supports, a plain rail and a trellis on the first story and; on the second story are three six over one windows. The east elevation has six over one windows on the first and second floors and an original one-story brick wing that wraps around to the rear of the house. The rear elevation has windows on the second floor and a one-story brick section that is partially enclosed on the west end and an open porch on the east end. With the exception of a remodeled kitchen, the interior of the house appears unaltered. Among the original features are hardwood floors, door and windows surrounds, staircase and mantel.

Outbuildings dating from around the time the house was built include a small frame barn with a gable roof, exposed rafters, vertical board siding and two doors on the west gable end; and a gable roofed frame garage with novelty board siding and double leaf garage doors. A garage, built in 1952, stands to the west of the house and is of concrete block construction.

8. Significance

Survey No. 72-46

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wilburn House at 7400 Central Avenue is an American Foursquare, a common house type in Prince George's County.

Once part of the larger Kaldenbach Farm, this property was purchased in 1936 by Howard Wilburn. Wilburn built the existing house and two outbuildings and added a garage in 1952. Wilburn's brother built an identical house at 6811 Central Avenue. Wilburn had a small farm on his land and lived in the house until 1988.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 22-72-46

Prince George's Co Land Records

Interview with property owner, Mrs. Byrd.
Files Prince George's Co. Historical Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.49 1.25 Tax Map # 66, Parcel 184Quadrangle name Washington DC East-MDQuadrangle scale 1:24

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 66, Parcel 184

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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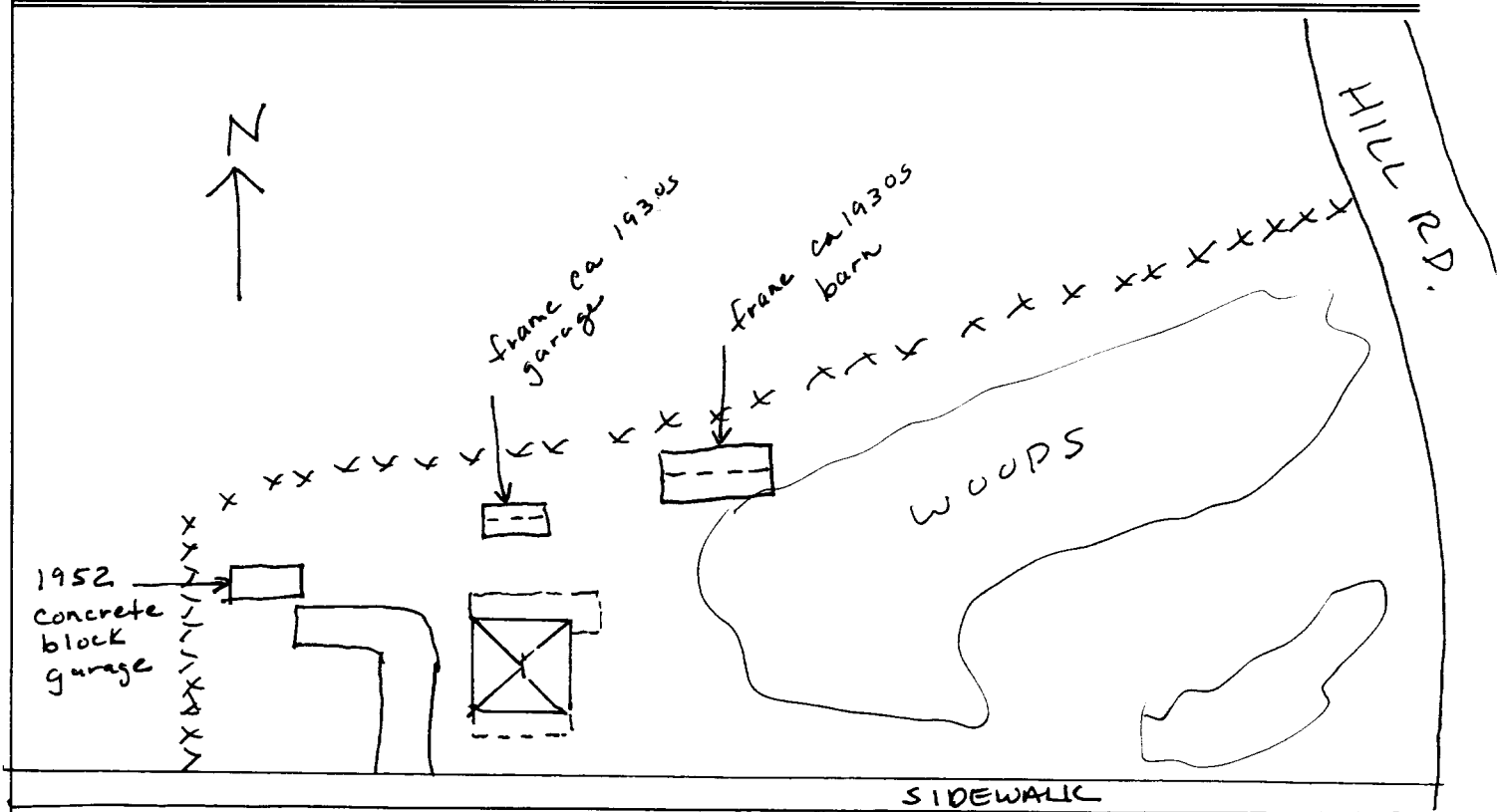
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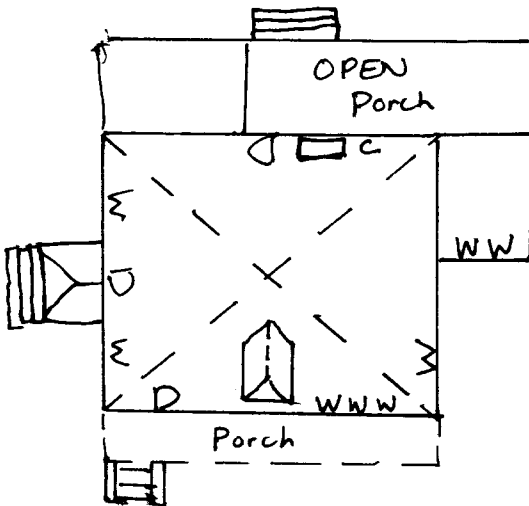


CENTRAL AVENUE

MEDIAN

SIDEWALK

DETAIL



201 SE 7L





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View north at front (south) elevation

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west elevation, view east

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garage to north of house, view north

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View west at garage to west
of house

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View NE at barn to north of house

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